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SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and thank you Senator Luedtke. Yes, I do want to talk a little bit and please bear with me as I touch 417 as well as 417A. First, we're going to be appropriating money for two facilities. These facilities are guarded, secure facilities, and from these facilities we will be using community services such as the technical community schools, the high schools, the local hospitals and what's referred to as community services. This one point was important to me in changing from two facilities to one facility in that a little larger facility can give a base, a population of inmates that will bring those services within the walls where in a guarded facility, in my opinion, is where those services belong. This statement is referred to by the two facility proponents as warehousing inmates. We must recognize that our average nursing home that's being built today is in the neighborhood of two hundred people and this is not referred to as warehousing the elderly. I cannot understand why one hundred more people become warehousing inmates. I subscribe entirely to one penitentiary, one penitentiary be referred to as a reformatory, as referred to as a medium, minimum security facility and work release programs throughout our community that can work and have work release be meaningful. I sincerely doubt that this can be done in a secured facility like the reformatory. It's further interesting to me, are those who want to override the Governor's veto are "in the same political persuasion" as the Governor. We know by the last election, the confidence that the people of Nebraska have in our Governor, J. J. Exon. We know that he is no doubt one of the most popular Governors we have ever had and he sends a message to this Legislature that he will cooperate and that he will have an amendment and that he will line-item veto if there is any to be line-itemed and send that back to this Legislature for their action so that everybody can have their day in court and immediately this is disbelieved by the members of this Legislature. It is not disbelieved on Main Street, Nebraska. With these few remarks, I sincerely oppose the advancement of 417A over the Governor's veto. We should use some responsibility at this time and follow our leader that we know to be a leader and backup Governor Exon's plea to this Legislature for some spending responsibility and here's a good chance to show the people of Nebraska that that's exactly in our waning days, what we're going to do is quit spending the money.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I call for the question, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall debate cease? Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 6 nays.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Luedtke, do you care to close.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well, just one thing. I wasn't going to